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Honorable William Benton  
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Dear Bill:

I appreciate your letter of August 28 which I found upon my return a couple of days ago from a brief holiday at our old family summer place at Henderson Harbor in Northern New York. I was most interested to read the enclosures to your letter and envious to see the picture of the boat on which you made your Mediterranean cruise.

A couple of years ago I cruised the Aegean and Ionian seas on the CREOLE, Niarchos' three-masted schooner and I have done few things more enjoyable in my life than this.

STAT  will be back here in the U. S. on leave this coming week and I have put it on my agenda to have a word with him as well as with Jeff Parsons who took over Walter Robertson's place as Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs.

We have been giving a great deal of attention to reports from China where its overly ambitious programs are backfiring in a way that is embarrassing the regime.

I am sorry to have missed you when you were in Washington on September 11.

Sincerely,

*AWD*  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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